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RESERVE FUND, \$3,000,000
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INTERESTS ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent per annum on the daily balance.

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For 3 months, 3 per cent per annum.

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Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

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T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 25, 1888. 363

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1. — The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2. — Suma less than \$1, or more than \$2500 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3. — Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent, per annum interest.

4. — Interest at the rate of 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balance.

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7. — Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, September 1, 1888. 754

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

WE Have Closed the Foochow Branch of our Firm on the 31st ultmo, and transferred our Business at that port to Mr. GUSTAV SIEMSEN.

SIEMSEN & CO.

Hongkong, January 28, 1888.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day ESTABLISHED MYSELF at this port as MERCHANT and COMMISION AGENT under the Name and Style of G. SIEMSEN.

FOOCHOW, January 1, 1888. 149

NOTICE.

MR. M. GROTE has THIS DAY been Admitted a PARTNER in our Firm CHATER & VERNON.

Hongkong, January 1, 1888. 5

NOTICE.

WE Have This Day authorized Mr. DAVID ARON GUBBAY to sign the Name of our Firm in HONGKONG and CHINA.

E. D. SASSOON & CO.

Hongkong, February 14, 1888. 234

Notice of Firm.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of the late RICHARD VON CARLOWITZ and his son in our Firm CARLOWITZ & CO. on the 31st December, 1887.

CARLOWITZ & CO.
Hongkong, January 21, 1888. 112

Intimations.

HONGKONG, CANTON and MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

EXCURSION TO MACAO AND BACK.

WEATHER permitting, the Steamship HON. M. will leave HONGKONG on SUNDAY, the 19th Instant, at 8.30 a.m., returning from MACAO at 3 p.m.

First-class or Single Fares. Chinese Servants, 50 Cents each way. No Chitas will be received.

Refreshments will be supplied on Board, but no Meals.

Tickets may be obtained at the Company's OFFICE.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. HENDERSON,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, February 15, 1888. 242

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING: 1888.

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, the 22nd, 23rd and 24th February.

Rule 15. — ADMISSION to the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE for MEMBERS of JOCKEY CLUB. Fees: Non-Members, 55 for the Meeting. For Admission to the NEW STAND, 35 for the Meeting.

Rule 16. — TICKETS of ADMISSION to the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE to be had on application to the E. W. RITTER, Esq., Hon. Treasurer, and at the Gate on Race Days. No one admitted without a Ticket, to be shown to the Gate-keeper.

H. J. H. TRIPP,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, February 14, 1888. 237

ANDREW JOHNSTON,
Consulting Engineer,
Marine House, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, February 14, 1888. 237

ROBERT LANG & CO.,
Tailors, Hatters, Shirtmakers & General Outfitters,
QUEEN'S ROAD (OPPOSITE HONGKONG HOTEL).

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Business Notices.

CANEBROWARD & CO.



HAVE NOW RECEIVED THEIR NEW STOCK OF

FELT HATS AND RACE SCARVES.

SADDLERY

RACING SUNDRYS, of all kinds.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, February 14, 1888. 231

W. POWELL & CO.

LADIES AND CHILDREN'S WARM CLOTHING.

CASHMERE AND MERINO VESTS.

CASHMERE AND MERINO COMBINATION GARMENTS.

CASHMERE HOSE, all sizes and colours.

KNITTED WOOL PETTICOATS.

KNITTED WOOL DRESSES AND JACKETS.

WOOL SHAWLS AND Hoods.

KNITTED GAITERS AND BOOTAKINS.

WOOL HATS AND TAN OF SHANTERS.

(THE TELEPHONE 21).

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ROBERT LANG & CO.,
Tailors, Hatters, Shirtmakers & General Outfitters,
QUEEN'S ROAD (OPPOSITE HONGKONG HOTEL).

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NEW WINTER GOODS.

AMB'S WOOL and SHETLAND WOOL, UNDERVESTS

and PANTS, CARDIGAN JACKETS, Hand KNIT

HOSE and 1/2 HOSE, CASHMERE MERINO and SILK

1/2 HOSE. BOOTS and SHOES from the best manufacturers.

DRAB CLOTH SPATS. KID and WOOL

LINED GLOVES. TRAVELLING RUGS and SCOTCH

PLAIDS. OVERLAND TRUNKS, PORTMANTEAUS

and HAND-BAGS, &c.

TAILORING — OVER-COATINGS, SUITING, and TROU-

SERING in large Variety of Materials.

Hongkong, January 3, 1888. 11

STAG HOTEL,

QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

J. COOK, Proprietor.

THE HOTEL is centrally situated and within a few minutes' walk from

the principal landing places.

GOOD ACCOMMODATION FOR VISITORS.

CHARGES MODERATE.

TIFFIN at 1 o'clock. DINNER at 7.30.

WELL VENTILATED BILLIARD ROOM.

TIFFIN 50 CENTS. DINNER 75 CENTS.

WINE, SPIRITS AND MALT LIQUORS OF THE VERY BEST QUALITY ONLY.

Hongkong, April 1, 1887. 607

Victoria Hotel,

Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbour and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c., has recently been much enlarged and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place.

THE ROOMS are spacious, well ventilated and have just been refurbished in a most comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East.

The Accommodation and Service of every kind will be found to be of the best description.

An ample and varied TABLE D'HOTE is always provided and served in the spacious, large DINING HALL.

The HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, READING, BILLIARD and SMOKING ROOMS.

The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service.

Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORABJEE & HING KEE,

Proprietors.

Hongkong, September 16, 1885. 1612

Intimations.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Nineteenth Ordinary

Notices to Consignees.

SHIP-LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. CARDIGANSHIRE, FROM
HAMBURG, ANTWERP, LONDON,
PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNERS of Cargoes are hereby informed that all Goods, with the exception of Opium, are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO. at Kowloon, whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-day.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 16th instant will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 16th instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be lost in the Godowns, where they will be examined on TUESDAY, the 16th instant, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

ADAMSON, BELL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 10, 1888. 218

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.THE S.S. *Ararat*, *Aztec* having arrived
from the above Ports, Consignees of
Cargo are hereby informed that their
Goods are being landed at their risk into
the HONGKONG and KOWLOON WHARF
and GODOWN COMPANY'S West Point Godown,
whence delivery may be obtained.Cargo remaining undelivered after 16th
instant will be subject to rent. No Fire
Insurance has been effected.Consignees are hereby informed, that
all Claims must be made immediately, as
none will be entertained after the 16th
instant.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 10, 1888. 219

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL,

CITY HALL.

THE MEMBERS OF THE HONGKONG
CHORAL SOCIETYTHIRD PERFORMANCE
(By Special Request).GILBERT & SULLIVAN'S OPERETTA
'THE SORCERER.'

SATURDAY,

25th February, at 3 o'clock p.m.

PROCEEDS TO BE DEVOTED TO LOCAL
CHARITIES.Tickets may be had and places secured
as usual at Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD &
Co., and after Monday, 26th instant.
Price, \$2 each.R. LYALL,
Acting Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, February 10, 1888. 247

NETHERLANDS INDIA STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR AMOY.

The Co.'s Steamship
Bantam,
Capt. SCHOLTEN, will be
despatched as above on
SUNDAY, the 10th instant, at Daylight.For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHERSON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 10, 1888. 245

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND
TAIWANFOO.The Co.'s Steamship
Thales,
Capt. HUNTER, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on SUNDAY, the 10th instant, at
Daylight.For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARPAIK & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, February 10, 1888. 246

FOR BANGKOK (DIRECT).

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.The Company's Steamer
Mongkol,
Capt. G. A. ANDERSON,
will be despatched for the above
Port on SUNDAY, the 19th instant,
at Daylight.For Freight or Passage, apply to
YUEN FAT HONG,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 10, 1888. 249

BANK HOLIDAYS.

HONGKONG RACES.

THE Undermentioned BANKS will be
CLOSED for the Transaction of
Public Business at Noon on WEDNES-
DAY, THURSDAY and FRIDAY, the
22nd, 23rd and 24th instant.For the 'Chartered Bank of India
of India, London and China.'JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.For the 'Chartered Bank of India,
Australia and China.'T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.For the 'Hongkong and Shanghai
Banking Corporation.'T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

For the 'Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris,'

J. ARRANGER,
Acting Agent.For the New 'Oriental Bank Corporation,
Limited.'E. W. RUTTER,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 10, 1888. 248

To-day's Advertisements.

1888 MEDICAL MISSIONARY
SOCIETY
IN CHINA.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL MEETING.

THE FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING
(being the Fiftieth Anniversary) of
this SOCIETY will be held in CANTON at
the House of Mrs. Russell & Co. on
TUESDAY, February 21st, at 2 o'clock
p.m.J. M. SWAN,
Secretary.

Canton, 16th February, 1888. 250

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be responsible for
any Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:ALICE ROWE, Hawaiian brig, Captain J.
Phillips. —Wieder & Co.P. C. CHENEY, American ship, Captain
Hughes. —Douglas, Larpak & Co.BYLAKE, German barque, Capt. P. Weiss.
—Wieder & Co.CENTENNIAL, American ship, Captain J.
McBride. —Russell & Co.DOROTHEA, German barque, Capt. H. T.
Moller. —Skinner & Co.EME, British barque, Capt. W. Summers.
—Order.MANUEL, Spanish barque, Capt. Estival.
—Remedios & Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVAL.

February 15, 1888:

Cheung Hock Kian, British steamer, 920,
2 Eng., Singapore February 8, General
—Burke Chin.Kuwaing, British steamer, 890, T. H.
Straits, Bangkok February 8, Rice. —J. B.
DIXON, Matheson & Co.

February 16:

Triles, German str., 1,142, A. Bleickens,
Saigon February 11, Rice. —Edu. Schatzl.
Hans & Co.Oriander, British steamer, 647, J. Ogston,
February 11, Rice and Paddy. —
S. Yung.Cronelot, British steamer, 1,040, J. Daily,
Singapore Saigon February 11, Rice. —
Order.Norden, Norwegian steamer, 1,307, C.
Nielsen, Nagasaki February 11, Coal. —
Mitsui Busan Kaisha.Sin Nuning, British steamer, 714, Hud-
dles, Wulu February 10, Rice. —JARDINE,
MATHERSON & Co.Yihsing, British steamer, 886, Leek,
Bangkok February 8, General. —CHINESE
GENERAL.

February 17:

Triles, German str., 1,142, A. Bleickens,
Saigon February 11, Rice and Paddy. —
S. Yung.Cronelot, British steamer, 1,040, J. Daily,
Singapore Saigon February 11, Rice. —
Order.Norden, Norwegian steamer, 1,307, C.
Nielsen, Nagasaki February 11, Coal. —
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MATHERSON & Co.Yihsing, British steamer, 886, Leek,
Bangkok February 8, General. —CHINESE
GENERAL.

February 18:

Oreates, for Singapore and London.
Namea, for Saigon.

Fero, for Saigon.

Sachou, for Hoochow and Pakhoi.

Bilbarat, for Europe.

Formosa, for Amoy and Tamsui.

Aratou Apar, for Singapore & Calcutta.

CIRKLED.

Fry, for Haiphong.

Marie, for Saigon.

Albert, for Hoochow and Pakhoi.

Clara, for Haiphong.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Cheung Hock Kian, from Singapore,

2 Engineers, 1 seaman, and 192 Chinese.

Per Kuan-yang, from Bangkok, 16 Chinese.

Per Yikong, from Bangkok, 2 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Bilbarat, from Hongkong; for Cal-
cutta, Messrs. E. A. Marshall and A. E.
Schmidt; for Bombay, Mr. Sheikhal.

Fazilzai; for Sydney, Mr. J. C. Hambray.

For London, Mr. and Mrs. G. Smith and 3
children, and Mr. G. S. Williams.

Per Souchow, for Hoochow, 2 Chinese.

Per Formosa, for Amoy, 2 Europeans,

and 40 Chinese.

Per Aratou Apar, for Singapore, 2
Europeans, and 12 Chinese.Per Neung, for Swatow, Mr. and Mrs.
Fang Po Shun, and Mr. Fung Hin Chow;

for Foochow, Mrs. Uren.

TO DEPART.

Per Marie, for Saigon, 10 Chinese.

Per Alwin, for Hoochow, 60 Chinese.

Per Clara, for Haiphong, 25 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Cheung Hock Kian

reports: Left Singapore on the 8th inst.,

had fine weather throughout.

The British steamer Kuan-yang reports:

Had fine weather till the morning of the

5th instant, when strong N.E. winds and

heavy sea.

The German steamer Triles reports:

On the 14th February, spoke American
man-of-war G. Q. C. F., lat. 18° N. and long. 111°

Eas.

The British steamer Crusader reports:

Had light S.E. and Southerly winds, and

smooth sea till the 16th instant; then

moderate breeze and heavy N.E. swell till

arrival.

The British steamer Camelot reports:

Left Saigon at noon, the 11th instant, Cape

St. James at 7 p.m., had light Easterly

winds and fine weather to 20° N.; thence

to the Laodong brisk breeze and thick

rain, with head sea; thence to port thick

fog at 10 a.m. on the 16th instant.

The British steamer Sin Nan-ting reports:

Had light to strong winds with heavy falls

of snow to Wooming, moderate winds and

thick misty weather to Hishan Island,

hard gale and thick rainy weather to Chapel

Island, afterwards light winds and thick

weather to port.

The British steamer Yikong reports:

Had fine weather with heavy N.E. swell.

Foggy off the port.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:

For BANGKOK.—

For Chau-chau-foo, at 4.30 p.m., on Sat-
urday, the 18th inst.

For SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.—

For Moyne, at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday,
the 25th inst.

For SWATOW & SHANGHAI.—

THE CHINA MAIL.

SAN FRANCISCO papers received by last mail chronicle the arrival in that city of the Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary from Corea to the United States and suite, including Dr. H. N. Allen, the Minister's foreign secretary. Dr. Allen was, of course, interviewed, and we gather from the *Chronicle's* account that the Doctor has been speaking his mind very freely on the subject of China's interference with Corea's resolve to send representatives abroad. The Embassy, according to Dr. Allen, left Seoul on November 22nd, although strong efforts were made by the resident Chinese Minister to prevent its departure by means of bogus telegrams from the capital of China, declaring that if the Embassy left Corea China would declare war against that country. China has for a long time assumed to control the policy of Corea, and, feeling the power gradually slipping away from her, felt called upon to make some strong move to reassert it and prevent the realization of the paramount desire of the Corean nation, to be recognized as one of the Powers. The Chinese Minister at Seoul, Dr. Allen said, also made an effort to reduce the rank of the Corean Minister by causing to be circulated in Chinese and other papers through other channels the statement that the present Minister was going to the United States only as a *chargé d'affaires* and not as a full Minister, and was provoked, by reducing the Minister's rank, the distasteful fact that he would take precedence over other Chinese officials at Washington in case of the Chinese Minister's absence from the Capital. The efforts of the Chinese Minister at Seoul, however, proved fruitless. The Embassy was met at Chemulpo by the U. S. man-of-war *Onida*, which was to convey it to Yokohama. Twelve hours after leaving the former place, the *Onida* met six Chinese warships coming into port, one of them flying the Admiral's flag. It was fully expected that the Chinese fleet would give battle and attempt to prevent the Embassy leaving for this country, but Captain McLean of the *Onida* ran up the flag of the Minister and fired an Admiral's salute, which the Chinese returned, and made no effort to detain the American vessel. — *Japan Gazette.*

MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon. There were present: H. E. Sir William Des Voeux, K.C.M.G., Governor; His Honour Mr. J. Russell, Acting Chief Justice; Hon. F. Stewart, Colonial Secretary; Hon. E. L. O'Malley, Attorney General; Hon. A. Lester, Colonial Treasurer; Hon. H. G. Thomsett, Harbour Master; Hon. P. Ryrie, Hon. Wong Shing, Hon. J. Bell-Irving, Hon. A. P. MacEwan, Hon. C. P. Chater, and Mr. Seth, Clerk of Councils.

Hon. C. P. Chater, before taking his seat, took the oath as a member of the Council.

POLICE STATISTICS.

The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the Report of the Captain Superintendent of Police, showing details of the Police Establishment, the list of pensioners and the criminal statistics for the year 1887. [A summary of the Report will be found in another column.]

THE STAMP DUTIES AMENDMENT BILL.

The Colonial Treasurer moved the first reading of a Bill entitled 'The Stamp Duties Amendment Ordinance, 1888.' The Colonial Secretary seconded.

THE UNCLASSED BALANCES ORDINANCE.

On the motion of the Attorney General the Bill entitled 'The Unclassed Balances Ordinance, 1888,' the object of which he had already explained, was read a second time.

The Council afterwards went into Committee on the Bill, which was afterwards read a third time and passed.

THE VAGRANCY ORDINANCE.

The Attorney General said that, before moving the third reading of the Vagrancy Ordinance, he considered it desirable that the Council should go into Committee, in order that some verbal alterations and a re-arrangement of one or two sections might be made.

The Council, having gone into Committee, several slight verbal changes were made and sections 9 and 11 were inserted after section 2, thus re-numbered 2, ad. 3.

The Colonial Treasurer moved an amendment with respect to section 21, which provides that persons landing vagrants in the Colony shall be liable to pay the cost of removal, &c. The Hon. gentleman moved that the words in the clause, 'and whenever any sailor other than a Chinese sailor, but not being a British subject, is discharged from his ship in this Colony,' etc., should be altered to read, 'and whenever any sailor other than a Chinese sailor is discharged from any ship other than a British ship in this Colony,' etc.

His Excellency:—Why make exceptions?

The Colonial Treasurer:—My reason, Sir, is this:—discharged sailors from British ships are under the control of the Harbour Master, who makes it his business to see that they have the means of subsistence, and are not likely to become chargeable to the Colony; and he does not allow their discharge unless there is a reasonable prospect of their being provided for. The discharge of seafarers from other than British ships in the harbour take place at several consulates throughout the Colony. There used to be in the hands of the Harbour Master the power of forbidding the discharge of any seaman, no matter to what ship or what nationality he belonged, but that power has been taken away by the Merchant Shipping Act, and therefore there is not that security there used to be, when men are discharged from foreign ships, that there will be provision made for their subsistence. In fact there was nothing to prevent men from foreign ships being discharged without any means of subsistence at all.

The Acting Chief Justice:—It seems to me it would be quite sufficient to strike out the words 'not being a British subject.'

The Colonial Treasurer said that he would be content with this deletion, which was then agreed to.

The Bill was then read a third time and passed.

THE JURY LIST.

The Council afterwards sat in private to revise the Jury List.

The Council adjourned till Tuesday the 28th inst. at 4 p.m.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL.

The following delightful specimen of the Highland English, was recently overheard at the end of a half for luncheon on the hill-side: First Ghillie—I never tasted such gods whisky any more. Second Ghillie—So did I, either. Third Ghillie—Neither did I, too.

A DIAMOND, BUT EXPENSIVE.

He said she was his jewel, then.

He paused, quite sad and pensive;

He realized with other men;

That jewels are expensive.

—Washington Critic.

And now the honest farmer packs His apples up for town;

This is the top row of his sack,

O O O O O O O O O O

And this is lower down

O O O O O O O O O O

—Baltimore Times.

REPORT OF THE CAPTAIN SUPER-INTENDENT OF POLICE FOR 1887.

The following is the report of the Captain Superintendent of Police, which was laid on the table at a meeting of the Legislative Council this afternoon:

HONGKONG, 20th January, 1888.

'Sir.—I have the honour to forward, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, details of the Police Establishment, the list of Pensioners and the Criminal Statistics for the year 1887.

The Criminal Statistics show that 841 cases were reported to the Police during 1887, being a decrease of 365 cases or 4.61 per cent. on the return for 1886. In the subdivision of these cases into Serious Crimes (so called) and Minor Offences an increase of 77 cases or 3.08 per cent. is found in Serious Crimes and a decrease of 432 cases or 6.81 per cent in Minor Offences.'

Here follow elaborate tables showing the increase or decrease in the various classes of crimes, the number of convictions obtained &c. &c. We extract the following particulars from these figures:

The tables show that the most serious offences, such as murder and robbery, have decreased during the last two years. In 1885 there were 3 cases of murder; in 1886, 3; in 1887, only 1. No convictions were obtained in any of the years under this head. Robberies with violence had decreased from 66 in 1885 to 64 in 1886 and the number last year was only 31. The cases of burglary or larceny from a dwelling were 93 in 1885, 68 in 1886 and 60 in 1887. The less serious charge of unlawful possession has been more frequent however, having risen from 229 in 1885 to 327 in 1887. Cases of kidnapping also show an increase of from 53 to 99. Altogether in the whole category of so-called serious offences, the figures for simple assault are 1885, 753; 1886, 1,031; 1887, 1,101. As regards gambling there has been a marked decrease in the number of cases, which was 263 in 1885, 248 in 1886 and only 99 in 1887. The total number of persons implicated in this offence has however varied very little, being 736 in 1885, 702 in 1886 and 760 in 1887. Cases of drunkenness have decreased from 323 in 1885 and 373 in 1886 to 231 last year; and the cases of nuisance have been reduced by one half, being 600 in 1885, 470 in 1886 and 340 in 1887. The charge of 'no light or no shade' shows a similar decrease. The following tables show the number of cases reported to the Police since 1878:

3.—CASES REPORTED TO POLICE.

Serious Offences

In 1878, 2,611 cases.	In 1883, 2,423 cases.
1879, 2,307 "	1884, 2,652 "
1880, 2,051 "	1885, 2,400 "
1881, 2,329 "	1886, 2,500 "
1882, 2,506 "	1887, 2,577 "
11,984 cases.	12,618 cases.

Increase of 5.29 per cent. in second period.

Minor Offences

In 1878, 4,224 cases.

In 1883, 5,205 cases.

1879, 3,732 "

1884, 7,551 "

1885, 4,364 "

1886, 4,300 "

1887, 4,367 "

1888, 6,336 "

1889, 3,728 "

1890, 5,904 "

20,415 cases.

29,355 cases.

Increase of 43.84 per cent. in second period.

Appendix to the report is a table showing strength, equipments and casualties in the Police Force during 1887. The strength of the force, exclusive of Captain Superintendent, adjutant, clerks and coolies, was 1,142 Europeans, 220 Indians and 247 Chinese. The enlistments were 12 Europeans, 15 Indians and 60 Chinese; the deaths, 4 Europeans, 1 Indian and 4 Chinese; resignations through sickness, 5 Indians and 4 Chinese; resignations through expiry of term of service or otherwise 6 Europeans, 14 Indians and 26 Chinese; the dismissals, 5 Europeans, 5 Indians, and 27 Chinese.

CORRESPONDENCE.

WHAT ABOUT THE GUNS?

To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL.'

HONGKONG, Feb. 16th.

Sir.—The Colony about two years ago ratified the treaty with China and, as we expect that Sir R. Hart will employ our young men in the Customs, also that when His Revenue Cruisers are completed, he will man them with the hardy descendants of the Conquerors of India.

Last month we exported 500 boxes of prepared opium for America and Australia. We imported a large quantity of wire taken in the northern ports of the Jubilee celebrations. The whole article is on Hongkong, which is more likely to be read at Home than blue books or tables of statistics, gives a very accurate idea of the position of the Colony and shows where the real source of our revenue lies:

Singapore was

Hongkong is

Macao will be

The greatest Colony of the Three.

Some attribute it to one of your late Governors. But we are not sure. Probe by he translated it from the Greek.

Yours, etc.

ASHLEY CUP.—Fair Spirit in his absence, Honesty.

DENNY.—Carries to win and Long Year close up.

LUSITANO CUP.—Last year's winner, Bandsman, is going so well that we will probably do the trick again.

VALLEY STAKES.—Held tropes, Shuh, and Orange Blossom are hot favourites for this race, and Shuh may about win; but if Vizier is seen at the post, he may be inside, is very vague. The Colony having made it for the first time as an equivalent for these articles, it has a right to demand the fullest information as to what extent it has received value for its money. A merchant who pays money for goods takes care to see that he receives every item bargained for. This Colony ought to be equally careful about its own interests. The Home Government has not been scolded dilatory in this matter, and it would seem that our local Government has not been over-active in exposing the action or rather inaction of the authorities at Home. The Colony, however, has a right to get prompt and definite information; and I trust that our unofficial members will not rest until they obtain this.—Yours,

JOHN IN. B.L.

THE IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BILL.

To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL.'

Feb. 10th, 1888.

Sir.—Is not the policy that the Government is pursuing with regard to this Bill quite anti-constitutional? Can they by any law they may take compel residents to ill use static forms? I should think that such a measure could only be adopted at the unanimous request of the Merchants in the place. The law was introduced for no fiscal purpose and has no raison d'être save that of the convenience of the citizens. I cannot speak so much with regard to Hongkong, but I know in Singapore, when the law was first introduced, it was not popular.

WONG-KEI-CHONG STAKES.—With a start it is of no use looking further than Durban; for the winner; Gone Aye, 2nd.

ASHLEY CUP.—Fair Spirit in his absence, Honesty.

DENNY.—Carries to win and Long Year close up.

LUSITANO CUP.—Overseer.

STIRUP CUP.—Harbinger, 1st; Tio a, 2nd.

COMPAGNIE CUP.—Orion's Boy and Sultan should account for this between them.

Muritzburg may get into the first three.

ONE OF THE BUSHS.

It is a wise father that knows his own boy. A good many boys go wrong because their fathers have never taken the time or trouble to become acquainted with them.

Springfield Union.

The man who robs you on the road, a highwayman is he;

The grocer giving you light weight

A low-weight man was he.

—Tid-Bits.

The following delightful specimen of the Highland English, was recently overheard at the end of a half for luncheon on the hill-side: First Ghillie—I never tasted such gods whisky any more. Second Ghillie—So did I, either. Third Ghillie—Neither did I, too.

A DIAMOND, BUT EXPENSIVE.

He said she was his jewel, then.

He paused, quite sad and pensive;

He realized with other men;

That jewels are expensive.

—Washington Critic.

And now the honest farmer packs

His apples up for town;

This is the top row of his sack,

O O O O O O O O O O

And this is lower down

O O O O O O O O O O

—Baltimore Times.

'I composed,' as the type-sticker said to the copy—*Times-Advertiser*.

People generally think more of an article after they have paid freight upon it—*Minneapolis Journal*.

Physiologists say that the older a man grows the smaller his brain becomes. This explains why young men know everything and old men nothing.—*Boston Courier*.</

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